

His life was gentle; and the elements  
So mixed in him, that Nature might stand up,  
And say to all the world, "This was a man!"

#### The Governor's Address.

His Excellency said he wished he had known better the man by whose grave they were standing. He had met him once when he greeted him (the Governor) on his first coming to Australia with words of welcome and encouragement. Once after that he had a message from him. It was on one of those dark days of life when even work could not make one forget sorrow, and a stranger's word of sympathy made some amends for the world's indifference. Apart from those two instances of personally experienced kindness, he knew T. J. Ryan from the pages of the history he had made, and from the expressed opinions of others. He knew him to have been a teacher of capacity and a lawyer of eminence, to have risen to the highest position to which a man could attain in a free State by the suffrage of his fellows, and to have surrendered that position in order, on a wider stage, to help the cause for which he felt so deeply—the cause of the wage-earner, of whom he was always a strong and faithful friend.

From the written and spoken words of those who were intimate with Mr. Ryan, of those who worked with him in the great movement to which he gave his life, and of those who in honest conviction opposed him, he knew him to have been warm-hearted and great-hearted, a courteous gentleman, whose courtesy was never assumed, a staunch friend, and, though a fierce fighter and a watchful critic, at the same time a generous as well as a genial opponent. He had an Irishman's insistence on clean living, and no one ever questioned his straightforwardness and his honesty. He thus helped on in his person the claim of his party to the high ethical standard essential for a people's moral health and well-being.

Mentally, he was a man of parts and culture, alert, with restless energy, quick to seize essential details, and possessing in rare degrees the powers of concentration, and of elucidating any subject he touched. As a speaker he was eloquent by the structure rather than by the decoration of his lucid orations. He had real knowledge of constitutional law, and his desire to act strongly went hand in hand with his wish to act constitutionally. It was by constitutional action that he intended to push forward his aim of making happier and easier the lives of the great bulk of his fellow-countrymen. It was in the Empire's highest court of justice that he gained his chief legal triumphs in the interests of the Government he represented.

He ruled in Queensland in difficult times when the thoughts and feelings of men were stirred to their depths, and when it would have been easy for balance to have been lost, and great evil to have followed. The country passed through that time with the value of its people enhanced in the eyes of the world, and with the value of its leader enhanced in the eyes of the people. The concourse there that day showed that the heart of the people was still sore, that they still mourned their lost leader, that they still sympathised with her who helped him on his way, and shared in great measure his labors and their affection. The world went on though each of them in turn stepped down to the grave. All any of them could hope to do was to have aimed at helping the world on to the better future they believed for it, and this aim was greatly his whose soul they prayed might rest in peace.

#### Vote of Thanks.

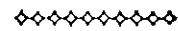
The Hon. Frank McDonnell proposed a vote of thanks to his Excellency, and tendered him the hearty thanks of the committee for his eulogy of their dear departed friend, the late Mr. Ryan. He was sure that had Mr. Ryan been consulted, the monument unveiled that day to his memory was exactly what he had wished for. Close to the sacred spot on which they were standing lay the mortal remains of another of Queensland and Australia's great sons—the late T. J. Byrnes—and not far away was the last resting-place of the late great-hearted, big-minded John Leahy. Both of the two first-named had risen to be Premier, Chief Secretary, and Attorney-General of Queensland; they had both graduated at the Melbourne University, and represented their country in the most intellectual circles, and

unfortunately both had been cut off early in their career by pneumonia. Sir Bertram Mackennal, the famous sculptor, was at present working on a statue of Mr. Ryan, which would be placed in the Queen's Garden. He was sure Mrs. Ryan and children would often come to view the memorial to a good husband and father.

## Obituary

### MRS. ALBERT HART, LAWRENCE.

The news of the sudden death of Mrs. Albert Hart, which occurred recently, created a wave of sorrow throughout the town and district (says the *Tuapeka Times*). She was a daughter of Mrs. Airey, Ross Place, and was born and had spent all her life in Lawrence, and being of a bright and happy disposition was held in the deepest affection by all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance. In their sad bereavement her husband, son, and two daughters, and also her aged mother, have the sincere sympathy of a wide circle of friends not only in this district but throughout Otago. The funeral was the largest seen in Lawrence for many years past, practically the whole district and many from a considerable distance being present to pay their last tribute to one who in life was so highly esteemed for her estimable womanly qualities. In St. Patrick's Church Rev. Father Farthing made feeling reference to her death. Rev. Fathers Farthing and Monaghan officiated at the interment.—R.I.P.



### MR. DENIS JOHN GEANY, TAURANGA.

With regret the death is recorded of a very old and highly esteemed resident of Rotorua and Tauranga district, in the person of Mr. Denis John Geany, who passed away at his residence, Tauranga, after a painful illness extending over several months. The late Mr. Geany was born at Kanturk, Co. Cork, Ireland, 76 years ago. Leaving home with his brother Michael in October, 1879, he arrived in New Zealand by the sailing vessel *Maravil* after a voyage of 79 days (which was considered smart in those days). After spending a few weeks in Auckland, the late Mr. Geany moved with his brother to the Cambridge district, and later to the Thames Valley (Okoroire and Rotorua), at which latter place Mr. Geany spent 33 years in the service of the Public Works Department, retiring on superannuation four years ago. Deceased is survived by his wife (Mrs. E. J. Geany, Tauranga), a son, Mr. J. Geany (Rotorua), four daughters—Misses M. and D. Geany (Tauranga), Mrs. Wm. Gain (Tauranga), and Mrs. H. V. Hewitt (Waihi); his brother (Mr. Michael Geany, Te Aroha), and two grandchildren. The late Mr. Geany possessed a genial kindly nature, which endeared him to all who came in contact with him. He was an authority on Irish and Church history, and an exemplary Catholic. Deceased was attended in his last illness by Very Rev. Dean Lighthart, of Rotorua, and Rev. Father Bressers, of Tauranga, and died fortified by the sacred rites of Holy Church. The funeral took place at Tauranga on Friday, February 9, Rev. Father Bressers officiating at the graveside.—R.I.P.

### Scottish Catholicism

It may surprise many to learn (says the *Tasmanian Mail* for February 15) that in Scotland—the home of John Knox and the world centre of Presbyterianism—the Catholic faith is steadily extending. The opening of new Catholic churches throughout the country is evidence of it. The Church of Our Lady, Kinghorn, Fife, was recently opened to worshippers. This edifice was formerly a Presbyterian place of worship, but owing to the smallness of the Presbyterian congregation the church was closed and later purchased by the Catholics. Most of the furnishings have been donated by converts from Presbyterianism, of whom there is claimed to be an ever increasing number.

More than fifty thousand Argentinians participated in the religious ceremonies which marked the solemn crowning of the statue of Our Lady of the Rosary of Neuva Pompeya, in Buenos Aires.